

Important Announcement concerning 32nd Annual Meeting of the Waterbird Society

The 32nd Annual Meeting of The Waterbird Society will still be held as scheduled 5-8 November 2008 on South Padre Island, Texas but due to damages sustained from Hurricane Dolly, the society has changed meeting and hotel venues. The Sheraton South Padre Island Beach Hotel sustained significant water damage and will remain closed for the remainder of 2008. However, we have secured hotel rooms at the La Quinta Inn and Suites – South Padre Island at a negotiated rate of \$84 (USD)/night. For hotel reservations, please call 1-800-531-5900 or 956-772-7000 and request the “Waterbird Society” group rate. If you have any trouble getting this negotiated rate, please contact Clay Green. The meeting will occur both at the La Quinta Inn as well as the South Padre Island Convention Center. Everything originally planned at the Sheraton is still on schedule at the La Quinta/SPI Convention Center including the catered breakfasts and lunches (included in registration costs), the Wednesday night welcoming reception, the Thursday night poster social, and the Saturday night awards banquet. We have received over 135 abstracts for oral and poster presentations and look forward to another successful Annual Meeting of the Waterbird Society. Please continue to check our website for more updates including new information on field trips, shuttle rates to/from airport, and more. We appreciate your patience as we have been scrambling to make alternate arrangements due to the effects of Hurricane Dolly. If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Clay Green for general meeting questions and Chip Weseloh for questions pertaining to the scientific program. For more info, please visit the meeting webpage at: <http://www.bio.txstate.edu/wbs2008/>

**** The U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan Council meeting will be held from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 5 November 2008 at La Quinta Inn.**